

Warmer Tonight; Rain
or Snow Tomorrow.

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FOUR ARE IN RACE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER

Tweeddale, Moore, Merriam,
and Johnston Well
Supported.

CORCORAN THOM DECLINED TO RUN

President Taft Is Expected to
Make Definite Selection Be-
fore Holidays.

Although final decision has not yet
been reached, it is safe to say that, as
matters stand today, the two new Dis-
trict Commissioners to be appointed by
the President will be chosen from among
the following:

Alonso Tweeddale, now auditor of the
District.
Clarence Moore.
W. H. Merriam, former governor of
Minnesota.
Gen. John A. Johnston, U. S. A., re-
tired.

Corcoran Thom, a local attorney and
one of the trust officers of the American
Security and Trust Company, was at one
time under consideration by the Pres-
ident as admirably fitted to fill one of
the posts made vacant by the resigna-
tions of Commissioners West and Mac-
farland. Inquiry on the part of some
of the President's friends, however,
brought out the information that Mr.
Thom would not accept a Commission-
ership if it were offered to him.

Makes Inquiries.

Mr. Taft has not yet resolved the va-
rious citizens' delegations who want to
tell him of the merits of their respective
candidates, but he has had men close to
him making inquiries here and there re-
garding the fitness of some of the per-
sons who have been mentioned for the
place.

It is regarded as practically certain
that Mr. Tweeddale will get one of the
Commissionerships. In addition to the
excellent endorsement he has, his record
is highly in his favor. He has spent
his whole working life in the District,
and, after rising to the place of auditor
from a clerkship, has instituted financial
reforms which have been of great ben-
efit to the District.

The three men who, in addition to
Tweeddale, now stand out most promi-
nently for the post are General John-
ston, Clarence Moore, and Mr. Merriam.
With these three, the names of Cuno
H. Rudolph and James F. Oyster are
mentioned with the prospect that either
one of them may be selected.

The President has for some time
wanted to have Mr. Merriam working
for Washington, and the friends of the
former Minnesota executive claim that
now is the time to fulfill that wish.

Before Holidays.

It is Mr. Taft's desire to make both
appointments in time for the Senate to
confirm them before the adjournment
for the Christmas holidays. For this
reason, it is expected the announcements
of his selections will come from the
White House by the middle of next
week at the latest. He has already dis-
cussed the appointments with some of
the members of his Cabinet.

In Administration circles, it is believed
these two appointments will finally de-
cide whether the President is to recom-
mend to Congress a change in the form
of the District government. If the two
men he appoints work harmoniously
with Major Judson, the Engineer Com-
missioner, and if the results of their
work are satisfactory, it seems safe to
assume that Mr. Taft will let the pres-
ent form continue. If, however, the re-
sults are unsatisfactory, Congress will,
undoubtedly, be asked to legislate for a
one-man rule of the District.

With so much depending on the se-
lections, the President will examine the
records of every man very carefully be-
fore deciding on them.

PAYS FOR DARING ESCAPE.

TRENTON, Dec. 11.—Thomas Chapple,
who made a sensational escape recently
from the Mercer county workhouse by
crawling for more than a mile through
sewer pipes, was sentenced to three
months in the State Prison for his
escape. He had only a short time to serve
when he ran away.

WEATHER REPORT.

It is considerably warmer in the cen-
tral valleys and the greater portion of
the Lake region, and colder in the ex-
treme Northwest and extreme South-
west.

The western disturbance will move
eastward, attended by general rains and
snows tonight in the Mississippi, and the
Ohio valleys, and east Gulf States, and
tomorrow-High tide, 7:45 a. m. and
7:58 p. m.; low tide, 1:35 a. m. and 1:51
p. m.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Increasing cloudiness and warmer to-
night; rain or snow in early morning;
Sunday rain or snow and warmer; mod-
erate winds, becoming easterly.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	23
9 a. m.	26
10 a. m.	28
11 a. m.	31
Noon	31
1 p. m.	34
2 p. m.	37

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	7:09
Sun sets	4:39

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 7:06 a. m. and 7:06 p. m.; low tide, 1:14 a. m. and 1:12 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 7:45 a. m. and 7:58 p. m.; low tide, 1:35 a. m. and 1:51 p. m.

CONDITION OF WATER.

HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 11.—
Both rivers clear.

RIGID INSPECTION OF CUSTOMS PORTS

Thorough Search to Be
Made for Frauds at
All Points.

WILL REORGANIZE SPECIAL AGENTS

Curtis Assumes His New Duties,
Though Not Yet Con-
firmed.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh
has completed the reorganization of the
force of special agents of the Treasury
Department, who have in charge the
investigation of the customs matters.
More than that, the general investiga-
tion of the customs service and of the
administration of customs mat-
ters at ports other than New York
has been begun.

Before the Secretary of the Treasury
completes his work, every customs port
in the United States will have been
raked over as with a fine-toothed comb.
The whole service is to be rigidly in-
spected, and, where necessary, reor-
ganized. If at any of these ports there
have been frauds akin to those al-
leged to have been perpetrated at the
port of New York, or of any nature,
they doubtless will be uncovered.

Investigations Made Secretly.

Thus far the Treasury officials refuse
to say what ports are under investiga-
tion. They are keeping this under cover
for obvious reasons, but it is understood
the first work is being done on certain
of the great Atlantic ports. One matter
which will be given careful scrutiny is
the question whether there have been
any sugar frauds, and whether the sugar
trust had its clutches on Treasury em-
ployees in ports other than New York.
The matter of underweighing is being
given careful scrutiny.

The force of special agents has been put
on what Secretary MacVeagh believes
to be a much improved basis. A number
of changes have been made and there
have been some dismissals. The extent
of the changes is being kept quiet. One
most important change of policy has
been settled on and that is that special
agents hereafter will not be allowed to
settle down and go to sleep in any one
port. They will be compelled to change
their stations frequently and thus it is
believed much more efficient work will
be done.

Curtis Assumes New Duties.

The man who will have direct charge
of the investigation is James F. Curtis,
of Boston, the new Assistant Secretary
of the Treasury. Mr. Curtis took charge
of his office at the Treasury Depart-
ment today. He did this, despite the
action of the Senate Finance Committee
in holding up his confirmation. Mr.
Curtis is expected to go about the house-
cleaning and shaking up in the customs
service with great energy. He has the
reputation of being a hard hitter, de-
spite the fact that he is only thirty-three
years old, and some of the Senate lead-
ers are putting out the idea that he
may not be qualified.

What will come of the holding up of
the Curtis nomination is something on
which opinions differ. In some quar-
ters, it is even believed he may be re-
jected, such is the feeling of the Senate
leaders over the Boston speech of Mr.
MacVeagh and such their apprehensions
that a man may be put in charge of the
customs administration with low tariff
leanings.

Object to MacVeagh's Position.

Some of the Senators are saying Mr.
Curtis is too young and that he has no
experience. They object to the dis-
position of Mr. MacVeagh, to make ap-
pointments on his motion, and with
little deference to the politicians. They
are especially where Mr. Curtis stands
on the tariff, and four he may have
the same tariff revision ideas as the
head of the Treasury Department. They
are also saying the President does not
stand back of Secretary MacVeagh in
his Boston utterances, and that the
President was not consulted about them.
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work are satisfactory, it seems safe to
assume that Mr. Taft will let the pres-
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sults are unsatisfactory, Congress will,
undoubtedly, be asked to legislate for a
one-man rule of the District.

ABANDONED IN JAIL, JUDGE BISHOP DIES

One-Time Prominent Baltimore
Jurist Is Deserted by
Friends.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 11.—Des-
erted by his friends when he needed
them, George W. Bishop, former
judge of the orphans' court, unable to
secure bail, died yesterday in the
Baltimore city jail.

Bishop was at one time one of the
big men in the affairs of the city,
having come within one vote of get-
ting the nomination for mayor. Later
he was talked of as his party's candi-
date for Governor.

Last June he was arrested charged
with misappropriating funds of Mrs.
Bishop, who is now in the city jail. He
denied his guilt and sought his friends
to help him out of his predicament,
but they could not hear the call.

TAFT'S SON, ROBERT, AS GUEST OF MORSE

Reported That He Will Visit the
Banker's Home During
Christmas Holidays.

BATH, Maine, Dec. 11.—It is reported
today that Robert Taft, son of the
President, may be in Bath during the
Christmas holidays as the guest of his
friend and college mate at Yale, Edwin
Morse, son of Charles W. Morse, the
banker who is under a fifteen-year sen-
tence to a Federal prison.

Miss Jennie R. Morse, the banker's
sister, when asked about the report
said she would not be surprised if young
Taft should spend a few days at the
Morse home.

IRISHMEN DIVIDED AS TO GOOD FAITH OF PREMIER ASQUITH

Leaders in Washington
Doubt Sincerity of Prom-
ises of Home Rule.

LACK ENTHUSIASM OF T. P. O'CONNOR

Record of Liberal Party Taken by
Many As Not Inspiring of Con-
fidence in Pledges.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

Irish men in Washington are divided
in opinion concerning the great speech
of Premier Asquith last night, in which
he promised home rule for Ireland in
case the Liberal party is returned to
power in the forthcoming general elec-
tion.

An influential section of Irish-Ameri-
cans protest that repeated disappoint-
ments have justified doubts of the sin-
cerity of liberal promises.

Record Not Inspiring.

Premier Asquith's own record in this
matter is not such as to command the
entire confidence of Irishmen, who fear
that he may even now be talking in
generalities, and that when it comes to
the scratch, after he has secured the
co-operation of the Irish parliamentary
party in getting back to power, he will
fail to come forward with a proper home
rule measure and push it.

In this regard the local Irishmen are
rather at odds with "Tay Pay" O'Con-
nor, Irish parliamentary leader, who is
in this country, and was quoted as say-
ing:

Statement Important.

"The statement is especially important
as coming from Mr. Asquith. Though
he has always remained faithful in prin-
ciple to home rule he has been supposed
cool on the subject, dreading its diffi-
culties, and he was one of the liberals
who at the last election was so anxious
to confine the issue to free trade that
he begged himself not to propose home
rule in the full sense of the words in
the present parliament. That was one
of the reasons why Mr. Henry Cam-
bell-Bannerman brought in so poor a
measure of home rule as the councils
bill.

"This utterance proves that Mr. As-
quith has done with these hesitations;
that he accepts now the Irish program
of complete home rule, and when Mr.
Asquith speaks thus it means that he
commits the whole Liberal party and
every Liberal candidate who is his loyal
supporter to full home rule.

Begin by Lords.

"I regard this utterance then as put-
ting the last coping stone to the specu-
lous prospects of Ireland, which began
with the rejection of the budget by the
house of lords.

"The report is brief, but if it repre-
sents accurately what Mr. Asquith said
I regard the statement as momentous
and as one of the most hopeful things
for the Irish cause that has been said
for years.

"It means that the Liberal party will
make home rule and home rule not in
the tariff, and four he may have the
same tariff revision ideas as the
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Doubts Sincerity.

The other side was presented by Jo-
seph D. Sullivan, one of the best-known
Irishmen in Washington. "I incline to
doubt of Mr. Asquith's sincerity," he
said. "He is a shrewd politician, and
expects the support of the Irish par-
liamentary party; but I am impressed
that he is making rather indefinite state-
ments."

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Saloon Smasher and Her Understudy



MYRA McHENRY.

CARRIE NATION.

AEROPLANE DROPS, INJURING AVIATOR

Captain Englehardt, Pupil
of Wright Brothers, Badly
Hurt Near Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Captain Englehardt,
a pupil of the Wright brothers
in aviation, flying in a Wright machine,
was seriously injured at Johannistal to-
day when his aeroplane collapsed in the
air.

The machine was completely wrecked
and the captain, who was caught under
the wreckage, was rushed to the hospi-
tal in a serious condition.
The accident was caused by the motor
stopping while in mid-air. It is not yet
known if there was a defect in the ma-
chine or if the valve became clogged,
but when the propellers stopped revolv-
ing the machine hung motionless for a
moment, then turned turtle and fell. It
came down so rapidly that Englehardt
had no chance to fall from his seat
and he was still grasping the levers
when the aeroplane hit the ground. It
was so badly damaged that it cannot
be repaired.

After an examination at the hospital
the doctors said that they believed that
the aviator will recover.

PRAIRIE IS AFLOAT; GOES TO DRYDOCK

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—The
auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which ran
aground in the Delaware river while
transporting marines for Nicaragua,
was floated today. Hydraulic dredges
had cut a canal through the mud
which enabled tugs to pull her into
deep water.

SEX ANTAGONISM MAY FOLLOW ISSUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. O. H. P.
Belmont, who is stump speaking in
Greater New York, on behalf of the
cause of women's suffrage, says that
cause may arouse a serious sex antag-
onism.

"This injustice will create another
war," she declared. "It will not be
an international conflict, but a civil
one. There will be no bloodshed or
death, but there will be hatred between
the sexes."

VIRGINIA WARDLAW MUST FACE CHARGE

Bound Over to Be Tried for
Murder of Mrs.
Snead.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 11.—
Miss Virginia Wardlaw, following a
formal hearing in the recorder's court
here today, was held to await the ac-
tion of the grand jury on a charge of
murder, it being alleged that she was
responsible for the death of her niece,
Mrs. Oney W. M. Snead, whose body
was found in a bath tub in a house
here, some days ago.

She was remanded to the Essex
county jail without bail.

Dr. Herbert M. Simmons, who was
called to attend Miss Wardlaw, was the
chief witness. He told of finding the
body in the bath tub and identified the
note found on the clothing which stated
that she was tired of life and was go-
ing to kill herself.

He said that the woman had been
dead twenty-four hours when he was
called to see her. When he found the
body he took the body to his morgue
and the woman had a wash cloth in
her hand. The autopsy, he said, showed
that death was caused by drowning.

Prior to the opening of the hearing,
Prosecutor Mott declared that if the
recorder failed to hold Miss Wardlaw,
he would rearrest her and detain her
until the grand jury passes upon the
case.

Undertaker Kunz testified that from
the death of all of the organs were
healthy, although he has not completed
the chemical examination of the fluid
found in her stomach. Several police of-
ficers testified to the circumstances sur-
rounding the arrest of Miss Wardlaw.

FALCONIO DENIES LEGATION REPORT

Formal denial was made today by
Mig. Falconio, Apostolic Delegate, of
the report recently cabled from Rome
that steps had been taken by the Holy
See looking toward negotiations with
the United States for the establishment
of an American legation at the Vatican.

CARRIE OUTWITTED BY DROMIO MYRA

Partner In Smashing Busi-
ness Creeps Into Same Pic-
ture With Star Performer.

We love to hear the tinkle of the bottle
An' we like to hear the welcome of the
turkey at the door
Some like to hear grand opera; but that's
a silly fad.
If you want to hear real music just get
yourself in bad.
Go to smashin' barrooms if you would
smash a pium.
An' you'll go down in our history as a
woman of great fame.
An' serve your days in many jails—serve
and serve galore.
An' when you've served a couple of years,
smash an' serve some more.
—Carrie and Myra Upon Meeting at the
Workhouse.

For Carrie Nation, and Myra McHen-
ry, her Dromio in the theatrical perfor-
mance of smashing barrooms and ha-
ranguing the country on the evils of in-
temperance—to say nothing of getting
their names and pictures in the news-
papers—did meet each other at the
workhouse this morning. Myra, you
must understand, came all the way from
Wichita, Kan., to see her friend Carrie.
And oh, these two bottle destroyers and
joy extinguishers were so friendly! So
much so, indeed, that Carrie positively
refused to have her picture taken with
Myra. No, indeed, not a bit of it.
Carrie doesn't go in for that sort of
business, you know. If there's any pic-
ture taking to be going on in her neigh-
borhood she's going to be the star and
main performer, and she doesn't need
any company. Not by a jugful or
rather, by a Lithia water bottle full.

Carrie Is Glad.

Of course Carrie was glad to see her
friend Myra—who it may be re-
marked has served thirty-three terms in
jail in the State of Kansas for smash-
ing saloons—but her hospitality didn't
at all extend to the point where she
was willing to have a group picture
taken. But right there Carrie didn't
recon on the supreme diplomacy with
which her friend Myra is gifted. For
the entire Myra inveigled Carrie into
arranging Myra's hair for a fraction
of a second, and while Myra was giving
a sly wink the photographer snapped
the picture. The result was a picture
Carrie invited into the parlor by the
spier Myra and outwitted.

Carrie and Myra, the two great Amer-
ican barroom smashing artists, didn't
greet each other at all effusively at the
workhouse, but they were friendly en-
ough. On the contrary, when Myra and
The Times photographer arrived to
make her hair, she ever-achieve Carrie,
who entertains a wholesome respect for
the personal pronoun I, whispered, sot-
to voice:

Makes Pretty Picture.

"Don't put her in the picture; let me
go it alone."

Then with a Bible in one hand, and a
hatchet in the other, Carrie posed with
a dinky little white bonnet on her head
until two snapshots had been taken. As
the camera sprang she remarked:
"I don't want to see humanity suffer-
ing as it does."

However, there was no photographic
attachment, so that speech was lost
upon the impression. Then as she slow-
ly requested herself, after the fashion
of a ship at sea making a laborious
circuit, she posed again without the
hatchet, and with only the Bible held
aloft, observing drably modestly as she
held her book aloft:

This is my hatchet!

Carrie's lips were pursed and she looked venge-
ful (for picture purposes) for a moment,
and then relaxed into a smile once
more. Then with tones that bespoke
of sarcasm she turned to her friend
Myra and remarked:

Myra Is Shrewd.

"Now it's your turn, my dear." And
Carrie started to retreat. But Myra
was too shrewd for her. She saw her
opportunity and grasped it.

"Just a moment, Mrs. Nation," she
returned sweetly in a voice and manner
that exuded leeches; "just a moment,
dear; won't you fix my hair, just so."

Alas, for Carrie. She walked into the
net and was done.

"Ah, my dear," began Myra, "this re-
minds me of the old days out in Kansas
when we were serving around in the
jails."

But Carrie gave her no encourage-
ment.

"They put me in a dungeon here last
night," she said, addressing several by-
standers. "Think of it, a dungeon!"

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ZELAYA MARCHING ON TO BLUEFIELDS WITH LARGE FORCE

Gives Up Idea of Capture of
Rama From Revolu-
tionists.

ARMISTICE FOOLS GENERAL ESTRADA

Request of President Gave Im-
pression That Troops Were
In Desperate Straits.

PORT LIMON, via wireless to Colon,
Dec. 11.—President Zelaya, commander
of the government troops in the war
now being waged with the Nicaraguan
revolutionists, has abandoned his pre-
vious line of campaign, which was the
capture of the revolutionists' position at
Rama. He is now conducting a flank
movement against Bluefields, the head-
quarters of the provisional government,
according to dispatches received here
today.

Shown Off Guard.

General Estrada, provisional president,
who has been in command at Rama, is
said to have been thrown off his guard
by incorrect reports as to Zelaya's
strength.

Zelaya, by seeking an armistice with
Estrada's representatives, gave the lat-
ter the impression that the government
troops were on the point of surrender,
and at the same time covered up his
movement against Bluefields.

It is now believed that less than 500
government troops are before Rama,
and that the remainder of Zelaya's
army, estimated at from 1,000 to 2,000 in
numbers, is detouring about Bluefields.

Estrada Blamed.

Sympathizers with the Nicaraguan
revolutionists are bitterly assailing Gen-
eral Estrada for failing to take offensive
measures against Zelaya and for as-
suming, as it is charged, that because
his position at Rama was secure, the
revolutionary strongholds elsewhere
were in no danger.

Estrada, it is known, thought that
Bluefields was safe from a land advance
by Zelaya owing to the condition of the
roads, and he figured that Zelaya had no
vessels at his command for an approach
by river.

Here is where Zelaya outgeneral-
ed him. The movement against Blue-
fields, today's dispatches say, is being
made over the roads that Estrada pro-
nounced impassable.

Zelaya's attempt to capture Bluefields
is considered here of doubtful military
expediency, as it is likely to get them
the intervention of the United States,
which has several war vessels either at
or in close proximity to Bluefields.

City Terror-Stricken.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 11.—A dis-
patch from Bluefields received here to-
day says the Zelayan army, which has
been in the vicinity of Rama, is march-
ing on Bluefields. The city is terror-
stricken, and the only hope of the Es-
trada sympathizers there, according to
the dispatch, is that the American war-
ships will land a force of marines. The
Zelayan army is reported strong.

The Zelayan army is estimated at 2,000.
It is expected to be within rifle
range by nightfall and a night attack
is anticipated.

Hundreds of women and children,
among them many Americans, are be-
ing packed on the ships in the har-
bor here in an effort to get them
away before the fighting begins.

The report is that the American war-
arm came from runners who have
streamed into the city ahead of the ad-
vance guard. Zelaya has completely
outwitted Provisional President Es-
trada and has been advancing his forces quiet-
ly, while Estrada was waiting to take
advantage of his apparent victory over
General Vasquez.

Zelaya, warned by Consul General
Alford, of New Orleans, that Estrada's
forces, apparently well armed and out-
fitted, were in reality helpless by the
ammunition shortage, did not move out
on the Ustien, did not fit the maga-
zines of the guns, is reported to have
worked out as a strategic plan to take
advantage of the helpless revolutionary
army.

COMING OF CREEL TO ADD NEW PLAN

Another enigmatical phase of the Ni-
caraguan situation is foreshadowed in
the coming of Enrique Creel, former
ambassador of Mexico to the United
States, who will arrive in Washington
tomorrow to lay before the State De-
partment certain proposals on the part
of his government looking toward the
restoration of order in Central America.

The dispatches received at the State
Department today indicate that there
is no material change in the Nicaraguan
situation. Consul Moffatt reports that
Bluefields is quiet, and it is believed
that the revolutionists will win in
Rama.

There seems to be doubt at the pres-
ent moment whether Zelaya will risk
his position in a